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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Benton County**

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Victoria A. Cuello** (NAR.NA00191993). Cuello failed to comply with a previous order.

In January 2009 the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program summarily suspended the credential of **Paul V. Farnham** (RESP.LR.00003591). Farnham's license to practice respiratory therapy in Oregon was suspended.

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Laura L. Nicholson** (RN.RN00155113). Nicholson's license to practice nursing in California was revoked.

### **Chelan County**

In January 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Angela K. Schauer** (NC10081989). Schauer was convicted of fourth degree assault and possession of a controlled substance.

### **Clark County**

In January 2009 the Pharmacy Board summarily suspended the license of pharmacy technician **Jessica J. Curtin** (PTEC.VA.00042943). Curtin's license to practice as a pharmacy technician in Oregon was revoked.

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Bret Jarvis** (RN00093705). Jarvis surrendered his license to practice nursing in Oregon.

### **Cowlitz County**

In January 2009 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs accepted the license surrender of **Robert D. Dismore** (CP00002266, LH00003861). Dismore failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his credentials.

### **King County**

In December 2008 the Health Care Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Julie A. Jewell** (HC00151976). Jewell failed to comply with a previous order.

In January 2009 the Acupuncturist and Registered Counselor Programs indefinitely suspended the credentials of **Alfred Laggner** (AC00002980, RC00039977). Laggner inappropriately touched two patients during acupuncture sessions, did not leave the room while a patient undressed, and did not provide patient draping.

### **Kittitas County**

In December 2008 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Valerie L. Marjerrison** (RN00146675). Marjerrison failed to comply with a previous order.

### **Lewis County**

In January 2009 the Pharmacy Board reinstated the license of pharmacist **Alvin Fitzgerald** (PH00021040).

In January 2009 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Program indefinitely suspended the credential of emergency medical technician **Bridgette N. Watson** (EMT.ES.01172547). Watson was convicted of two counts of third degree child rape.

### **Pierce County**

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Tracy Ann Powell** (NC10024365). Powell failed to comply with a previous order.

In November 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Hayley M. Wiltfong** (NC10082465). Wiltfong failed to cooperate with an investigation following a report she had diverted a controlled substance from her place of employment.

### **Snohomish County**

In December 2008 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Jeff Fosdick** (RC.RC00057286). Fosdick failed to comply with terms and conditions set against credential.

In January 2009 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Program indefinitely suspended the credential of paramedic **Paul W. Sheward** (PARA.ES.01169300). Sheward falsified continuing medical education documents.

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Lorella A. Washington** (NC10002523). Washington slapped a patient on the face.

### **Spokane County**

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Christina M. Harkness** (NC10071611). Harkness failed to comply with a previous order.

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Lori Sommerfeld** (RN00120211). Sommerfeld is not currently able to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety.

### **Thurston County**

In January 2009 the Acupuncture Program revoked the credential of **Russell N. Wahlund** (ACUP.AC.00000569). Wahlund inappropriately touched a female patient during an acupuncture session and pled guilty to fourth degree assault with sexual motivation.

### **Whatcom County**

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission modified an earlier order and indefinitely suspended the licenses of advanced registered nurse practitioner and registered nurse **Marilyn K. Butler** (RN00067261, AP30006295).

In December 2008 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Teresa Lester** to immediately cease and desist from engaging in any and all conduct constituting the practice of licensed practical nursing in Washington. Lester worked and represented herself as a nurse after providing falsified licensing information.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In December 2008 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of **Laurie J. Brown** (RN00165616). Brown's credential to practice nursing in California was revoked for disciplinary action taken against her credential in Arizona.

**Louisiana:** In November 2008 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Jennifer S. Sanders** (LP00058529). Sanders failed to comply with a previous order. She's also known as Jennifer S. Reynolds.

**Nevada:** In February 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Dina A. Miller** (LPN.LP00037634). Miller's license to practice nursing in Nevada was revoked.

**Oregon:** In February 2009 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the licenses of advanced registered nurse practitioner and registered nurse **Connie M. Davis** (ARNP.AP.30006113-PNP, RN.RN.00143881). Davis' licenses to practice nursing in Oregon were revoked.

**Texas:** In January 2009 the Medical Commission summarily suspended the license of physician **Nancy L. Anderson** (MD00045362). This action was based on Anderson's license to practice medicine in Texas being suspended.

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